A Proclamation, set forth by the kynges Maiestie, with thassent of his derest vncle, Edward Duke of Somerset, Gouernour of his moste royall persone, and of his Realmes, Dominions and Subiectes Protector, And others of his moste honorable Counsaill, conteyning certain Notes and vnlawfull assembles, for the breaking vp of Enclosures.

Wherein of late the kynges maiestie moued of a Godly zeale and loue to the common wealthe of the realme, by the aduise of his derest vncle, Edward Duke of Somerset, Gouernour of his highnes persone, and Protector of all his Realmes, Dominions and Subiectes, and the rest of his maiesties priuie counsaill, did by Proclamation will and commaund all maner of persones, who had offended against the good and wholsome lawes heretofore prouided against the decays of houses and vnlawfull enclosures, to amende their suche offences, and to repeale all faultes by them committed, against the said actes and statutes, and against the benefite of the common wealthe vpon pein to incurre the daungiers and paines, in the said actes and statutes prouided, And for the better performaunce thereof, by thaduise aforesaid willed and commaunded all his highnes officers and ministers, to whom it did appertein, to see the same redressed, to receiue informations, make enquirie, and with all spede and earnest endeuour, to the repeale and punishement of all suche offendors, as by the lawes & statutes of the realme, they might and ought to do. Upon this moste Godly warning and commaundement & Proclamation, whiche was to kepe afore and leaue his highnes to aduertised, that a great nombre of rude and ignoraunt people, in certain Shires of Englande, hath taken occasion, or at the least pretended to take occasion, of hoping greate and moste perilous and heinous disorder and contempt to all good lawes and statutes, and thorow all this realme, haue riotously with tokens and cumpaignies, with force, strength, and violence of their owne hed and authoritie assembled themselues, plucked downe mennes hedges, dispatched their Parkes, and keping teb by tumultuous and light giddes of byrde taken vpon them the direction of thynges, the kynges royall power and swerde, and committed thereby suche enormitie and offence, as they haue iustly therefore deserued to lose their landes and goodes, and to bee made example to all other: But forsomuche as they haue humbly submitted themselues, and demaunded pardon, beyng sory for their former offences, the kynges highnes of a moste high clemencie, and tender loue to his Subiectes, is content not to looke vpon his iuste displeasure deserued, but muche more of naturall mercie and clemencie, and so for this time, accepting that this outrage was doon, rather of folye and of mistaking the said Proclamacion, and at the instigacion and motion of certain leude and lewdious persones, then of malice or any euill will that his said subiectes did beare, either to his highnes or to the quiet of this realme of his maiesties moste abundaunte clemencie and tender pitie, by the aduise of the said Lorde Protector, and the rest of his highnes priuie counsaill is contented and pleased, to remit and pardon all the said outrages, misbehauours, riottes, and conspiracies, to all and synguler his said subiectes, other then to suche as be alredy apprehended and in prison, as heades and stirrers of this said outrage and riottes, and therfore willeth and commaundeth, all Iustices of Peace, Sheriffes, Bailifes, and all other his highnes officers and ministers, not to interrupt, vexe, or trouble, for and in his Maiesties behalfe, any maner persone other then is specified before, of or for any offence, treason, contempt or conspiracie, done at the said riottes lately made, about the breakynge of enclosures, so that they do not attempt, or go aboute any suche thyng hereafter. But if so be there be any iust cause to complaine, for defaute of iustice, or lacke of redresse in any suche enclosure or default made against the said actes and statutes before specified, in this case prouided, that who soeuer hathe themselfe iustly greeued or iniuried shall geue information, make sute or complaint to the kynges Maiestie, or other his highnes officers, deputed vnto the redresse of all suche offences according to the lawes of the realme, and the good and lawfull order of the same.

But if any man shall at any time hereafter attempt, or go aboute to make any suche riot, or vnlawfull assembly for any suche cause before rehersed: his maiesties will and pleasure is, by the aduise aforesaid, that all suche offenders shall incontinently be apprehended by the next Iustices or Iustices of peace, and lose the benefite of this moste gracious pardon, and suffer the paines of death, losse of landes, goodes and catalles, as by the lawes of the realme in suche case is prouided, any thyng in this present Proclamation, heretofore mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding. Geuen the 14. day of June, 1549. And in the third yere of his Maiesties moste gracious reigne.

God saue the Kyng.